

Judge Rules No-Fault Divorce Invalid

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — An Oakland County Circuit judge has declared Michigan's no-fault divorce law unconstitutional because it takes children from their families without due process of law.

Judge Arthur E. Moore ruled Wednesday the 1971 law permits divorces at the "will, whim or caprice of the parents" without adequate representation of the child's interests.

The law allows divorces whenever a marriage has suffered "an irreparable breakdown." No further cause need be provided to obtain the divorce.

Moore said since no cause is shown the court, children lose their chance to contest the divorce and their right "to insist upon parental homes and continued family care."

He said the lack of cause for the divorce also hinders attempts to determine if it would hurt or help the children

involved. It also deprives the children of counseling services and support from court officers, he said.

Instead of representing the interests of the child during the court action, Moore said, the court is reduced to the role of securing child support and alimony after the parents' separation.

Moore said he made the ruling after considering an illegitimate child and an emotionally disturbed child whose

rights were not being represented.

Moore said the upholding of his ruling could lead to the institution of family courts in Michigan similar to those now existing in California.

However, Terry Grady, an assistant state attorney general, said today the "Moore decision applies only to the case before him" and would not be considered a precedent unless it was appealed to a higher court and was upheld.



TWO-YEAR SENTENCE: Mrs. Edith Irving was sentenced in Zurich, Switzerland, today to two years in jail for her part in the \$650,000 Howard Hughes autobiography hoax. She could have gotten five years. Her husband, Clifford, is now serving a prison term in the U.S. in connection with the hoax. (AP Wirephoto)

UAW Council Backs LMC Teachers

Small Says Strikers May Face Suit

The Tri-county United Auto Workers Community Action Program council (CAP) has passed a resolution supporting the Lake Michigan college faculty and urging binding arbitration as a means of

settling the strike. Meanwhile, Robert Small, chairman of the LMC board of trustees, said the college intends to collect from the LMC Federation of Teachers every dollar the teachers' strike costs the college.

Dr. Walter Browne, LMC executive vice-president, said students should call the college to see if there are teachers for their classes. Attendance will be taken when sessions have teachers, and students may be dropped from the course if they miss a full week of class, although the college "is trying to help not knock out students," he added.

The UAW CAP council of Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties passed its resolution Tuesday evening charging that the LMC board "by refusing to accept the fact finders report and by firing the faculty have betrayed the trust the people of Berrien county placed with the board."

"The faculty in turn has exhausted all reasonable efforts to resolve this dispute including their latest proposal to submit all outstanding issues to an impartial arbitrator for a final and binding decision. We urge all UAW members to support the LMC faculty so that they may receive a fair and equitable settlement of the strike."

The CAP council consists of 83 members from 15 UAW unions having a combined membership of 8,272.

Small said the college will seek to regain all costs from the teacher's union including costs of substitute teachers and will take whatever steps are needed, which could include filing suit if necessary.

Edwin Prong, strike leader for the teachers union, said the teachers are still waiting for next week's unfair labor practices hearing in the courthouse and are also considering filing suit to prevent

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Winning Numbers

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. (AP) — The winning numbers in this week's drawing in the Michigan Lottery are 522 553.



'THE TANK': Newsmen covering the uprising of AIM Indians at Wounded Knee, S.D. expressed amazement when they heard Indians referring to "the tank." The tank is a camouflaged small van shown here on patrol duty on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. (AP Wirephoto)

Women And Children Leave Wounded Knee

WOUNDED KNEE, S.D. (AP) — Women and children have begun evacuating Wounded Knee. Militant Indians say they are "prepared to die" at the historic hamlet they occupied nine days ago and federal officials picture the situation as extremely grave.

The Justice Department said Wednesday that all nonresidents of Wounded Knee must depart unarmed without the threat of arrest by 8 p.m. EST.

After that time, any of the invaders attempting to leave will be subject to immediate arrest.

Federal authorities also declared that negotiations could not continue with militant Indians who took over the village on Feb. 27. They urged all women and children to leave.

Leaders of the American Indian Movement said the federal position was a threat that the estimated 300 marshals and FBI agents maintaining a perimeter around the village would mount an attack. The militants said they were "prepared to die" in Wounded Knee, site of the last major battle of the Indian wars.

Four women and 38 children who are among the 200 permanent residents of the Sioux village left the encampment Wednesday. Two elderly men who were among the 11 persons held hostage nearly two days last week also left the village.

Many of the children, bundled in a van and several cars, appeared to be suffering from respiratory problems. Federal officers carrying high-powered rifles and automatic weapons surveyed the vehicles carefully before allowing the caravan to depart.

Ralph Erickson, special assistant to the U.S. attorney general, said Wednesday the lead-

ers of the more than 200 Indians involved in the takeover are "bent on one of two courses — total capitulation by the U.S. government to their illegal demands or violence."

He said the demands of the

AIM leaders "amounts to nothing more than intolerable blackmail."

Federal authorities are caught in the middle of an in-

demands or violence." (See back page, sec. 1, col. 1)



JOINING THE CAUSE: The Rev. Ralph Abernathy, right, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, visits with American Indian Movement leader Carter Camp after Abernathy met with Indians who are in their second week of occupation of Wounded Knee, S.D. Abernathy arrived Wednesday night and talked with the Indians in a tepee. (AP Wirephoto)

\$14,274 In Arrears

A Kansas City, Mo. man owing \$14,274.87 in support of three children on ADC in Berrien county was ordered jailed for 6 months Wednesday by Berrien circuit Judge Chester J. Byrns.

Edward Hartman, served with a four year old writ of attachment after returning to the

community, was found in contempt of court and sentenced to jail, George Westfield, Berrien friend of the court, reported.

Hartman was also placed on three years probation and ordered to execute a wage assignment of \$51 in weekly support payments and \$10 weekly on the arrearage, Westfield said.

New Buffalo Not Quitting On Sewers

NEW BUFFALO — Continued preliminary work on the \$12 million New Buffalo area sewer project will be attempted, despite loss of federal funds for the project.

Representatives of New Buffalo city and New Buffalo and Chikaming townships agreed last night to seek permission for soil borings at

the proposed site of the project's treatment plant, despite the fact that condemnation proceedings against the land have been suspended for lack of funds. The system is to serve the three communities.

Herbert Seeder, chairman of the Berrien county public works board as well as Chikaming supervisor and a member of the sewer board,

told fellow members Congressman Edward Hutchinson (R-St. Joseph) has told him Congress will try to appropriate more money for sanitary projects. The New Buffalo project had been earmarked for about \$4 million in funding before the cutback.

The New Buffalo project was left fundless, at least temporarily, by President Nixon's announcement that he does not intend to allow all the money appropriated by Congress for water pollution control projects to be spent. Funds earmarked for Michigan were reduced from \$80 to \$400 million by the announcement.

Seeder said last night only about 20 projects in the state will be funded this year, unless more money becomes available. He said New Buffalo is number 59 on the state Water Resources commission's priority list. A spokesman for the Water Resources commission said earlier this week, however, that the New Buffalo project's priority has been increased, moving it up to number 39 on the list.

Auction — Thurs. 6:30 YMCA. Panasonic equip., clock radio, stereo. Adv.

She'll Again Wed Convict Sweetheart

JACKSON, Mich. (AP) — The newly voided bride of a Southern Michigan Prison inmate whose Valentine's Day wedding was declared illegal has vowed she will remarry her jailed sweetheart.

Caroline Russell, 22, married Jerry Randall just one week before his common-law marriage to a Houston, Tex., woman was dissolved in divorce.

Jackson County Prosecutor Bruce Barton declared the marriage illegal and said it would have to be performed again. "Jerry told me about his other two marriages and I know if he was married to this woman in Texas he would have told me so," said Caroline.

"When I heard about the marriage not being legal, I was completely out in space and I still don't know what's happening," she said.

Randall's second marriage — he also was married between 1963 and 1966 — was revealed when his Houston wife saw a newspaper story about his unusual prison vows.

Meat Boycott Idea Causes Fuss

DRUMMOND ISLAND, Mich. (AP) — A restaurant cook who proposed a week-long meat boycott says she has been swamped with calls from across the nation offering both encouragement and criticism.

Sharon Weiler of the Northwood Inn on this island off the eastern tip of Michigan's Upper Peninsula got the idea for a moratorium on meat when she had

to raise the price of her hamburgers 10 cents after ground beef prices rose 20 cents a pound in two weeks.

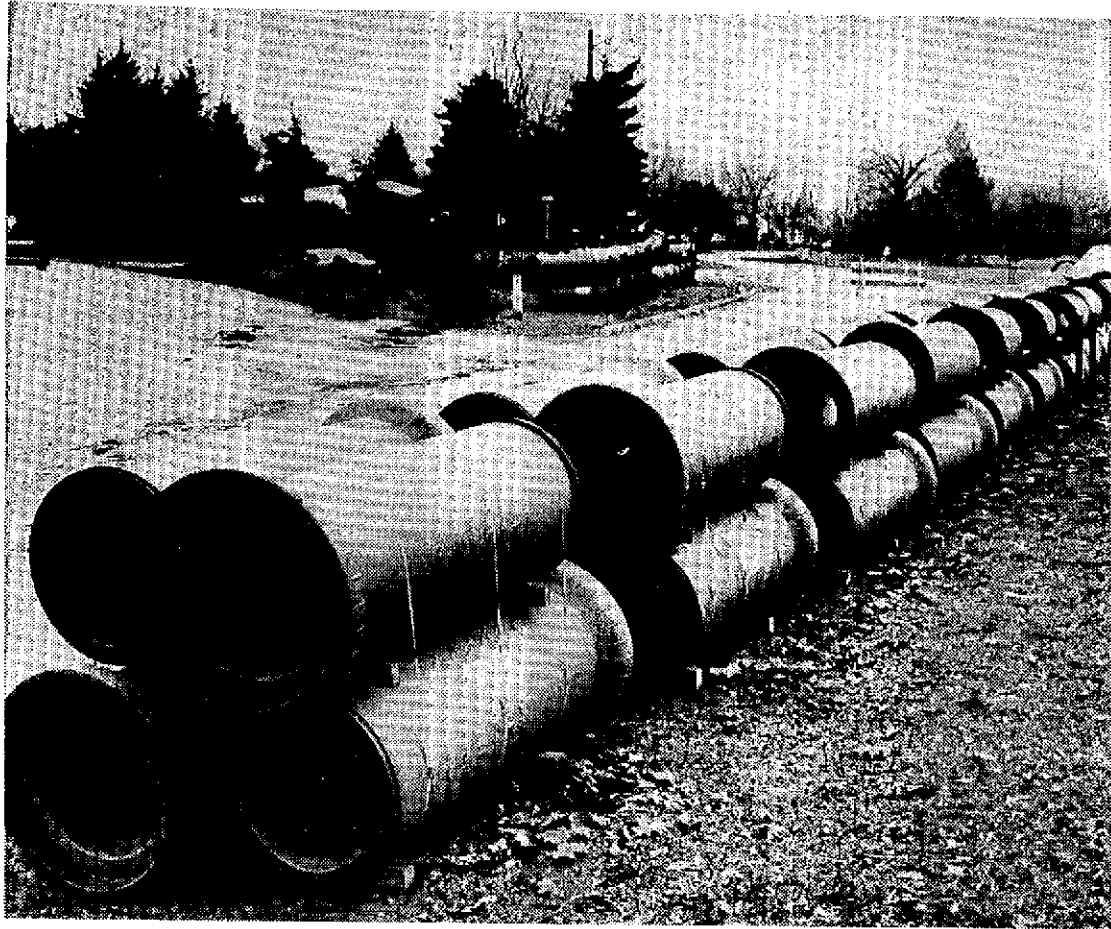
She quickly enlisted the support of the island's 700 residents in an Ad Hoc Committee of Wives and Husbands Against the Rising Cost of Meat. The group plans to forego eating, buying or selling meat for a week beginning Sunday.

Since news reports of the proposed boycott, Mrs.

Weiler said, she has received calls from as far away as Utah commending her effort.

Irate farmers also have called to complain about the plan, she said.

Mrs. Weiler said the island's effort probably will have no effect on meat prices but the group feels a gesture should at least be made against rising food costs.



PIPES GALORE: Motorists along Miami road, Fairplain, are flanked by neat, palletized stacks of sanitary sewer pipes. Lineup here is looking south, with Seneca branching to left. These pipes will become part of 60-

mile sanitary sewer system to be installed in St. Joseph township, at cost of \$8 million. Installation work began Monday. (Staff photo)

SJ Book Store Sold By Wilder

Ray Wilder, a Twin Cities businessman for 39 years, announced that he has sold Wilder's book store in St. Joseph to John J. Soos, III, and will move to Magician Lake in Cass county.

Soos said the sale will be effective March 14, and the store at 511 Pleasant street will continue to operate under the name of Wilder's World of Books. The two present employees will be retained, Soos said.

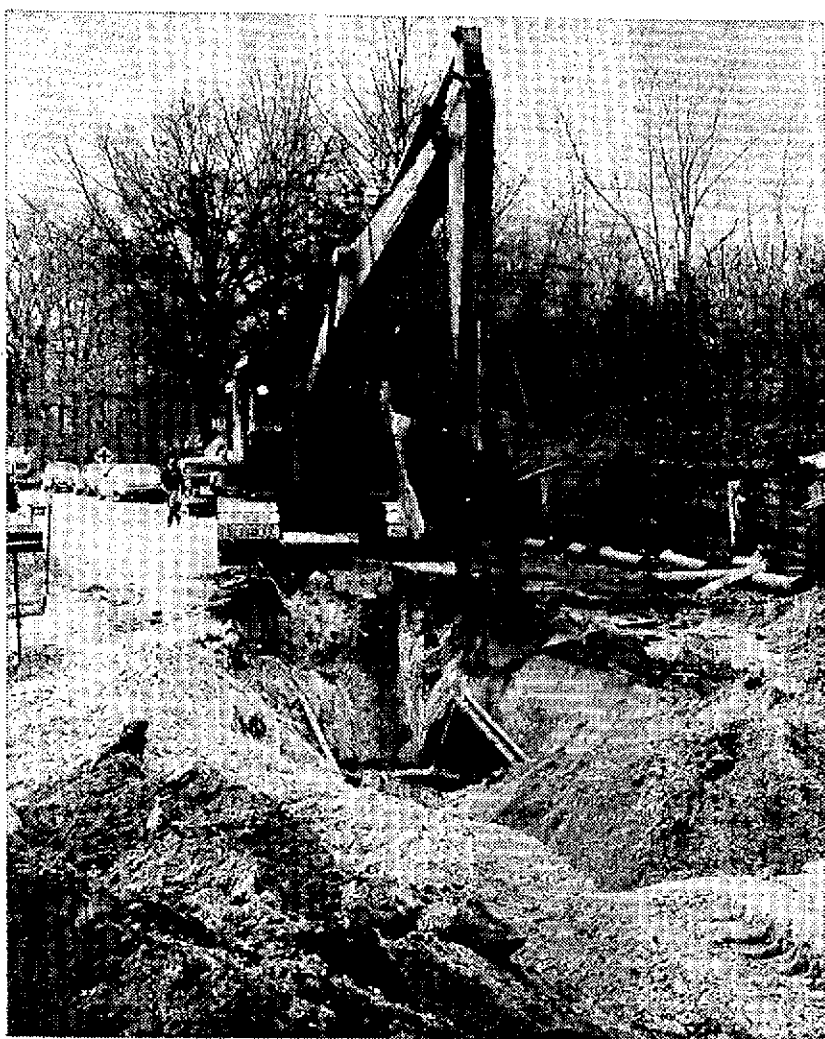
Soos, a native of the Twin Cities, said he will continue in his present job as sales manager for Canteen Co. of Southwestern Michigan. Soos said his wife, Jane, will be co-owner and manage the book store.

Wilder said his wife, Edna, managed the store, opened in St. Joseph in August, 1971. The family once owned another book store in Benton Harbor, which was closed. Wilder, who moved to this area in 1934, operated Wilder's drug store in Benton Harbor, which also has been closed.

Wilder has been active in Benton township government and served as township supervisor from 1965 to 1970.

Although semi-retired, Wilder has continued to serve as a relief pharmacist at Mercy hospital, Benton Harbor, and Watervliet community hospital.

Soos, who is active in the



JAWS OF IRON: Giant scoop excavates for sanitary sewer installation along Woodward in St. Joseph township's north Fairplain area. System eventually will be linked to Twin Cities sewage treatment plant on Radio island. Installation of giant network of pipes will see a number of traffic disruptions in township during the course of construction this year. (Staff photo)

Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce, was in the insurance business, before

joining Canteen Corp. four years ago. He said a formal ownership change, including a

BH Assessor Says Taxes Not Too High

BY RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

Benton Harbor city charter commissioners who maintain that property taxes are too high were countered Wednesday by City Assessor John Lottridge, who stated the average assessment of properties in Benton Harbor is 10 per cent below market value.

The commission reviewed assessment portions of the charter, while awaiting its legal counsel, Atty. David Morris, Kalamazoo, expected to attend next Wednesday's session.

The commission next Tuesday will hear Public Service Director A.A. Antonovich and City Engineer Sam Wells.

Taxes are still thorns to charter commissioners, and the old battle of tax money to the county versus county services received arose.

Lotridge said local property assessments are made on rental and actual sales markets in most cases, except industrial firms, where replacement costs, less depreciation are used as the basis.

On declining value of downtown buildings, Lotridge maintained that, in many cases, the structures are owned by persons who are poor administrators. He claimed they could have brought more rental or lease income over the years than they did.

Lotridge also said there is a lot of money in Benton Harbor—even ADC money—that is spent in stores outside the city.

On the reverse to losing money, Lotridge told the commission that the Palladium Publishing Co. got a large tax write-off on its former Wall street building. Although not asked for specific businesses by the charter commission

Lotridge told the body that before donating the Wall street building to Berrien county, the Palladium Publishing Co. called in an appraiser who set a figure of over \$40,000 on it. Lotridge said that more recently, when the county tried to sell the same building, it only got one offer, of between \$6,000 and \$8,000.

Commissioner William Parks stated that Benton Harbor's downtown has seriously deteriorated during the past six months to one year.

Charter Commissioner Wilbert Smith said he asked one successful Benton Harbor businessman why he was moving out of the city, and got there by: "Do you think I want to be the last one to leave?"

From downtown deterioration, Commissioner Ralph Lhotka turned to the county, saying that except for some help from the sheriff's department when needed, he doesn't see where the city gets services for its county tax outlays.

Lhotka said when it comes to cemeteries, market, and airport, the cities lead the way in payments, while facilities are county-wide. Lhotka thought that maybe the police department should be turned over to the county, to eliminate concern over wages, pensions and the like.

Lotridge said Benton Harbor residents and businesses pay 3.4 per cent of the county tax base, or its operating budget for all practical purposes. He contrasted this with Bertrand township, rural and located in southern Berrien, which pays 1.1 per cent, and gets much more policing from sheriff's officers.

As to a charter provision for a city supervisor, elected from each ward, it was pointed out by commissioners that their sole function is to serve as a board of review on tax complaints. It was felt that an appointed board of review would serve better.

Through the general discussions, the charter group noted that Atty. Morris, considered an expert on charter revisions, indicated a need to

be at all meetings in person, "To get the feel of the community and its problems."

Wednesday's meeting even found some physiological differences, when one commissioner said city ward supervisors were as useless as an appendix. Lotridge said an appendix has use, since a person having one can withstand more radiation than one without.

Death Is Ruled Traffic Fatality

Medical examiners yesterday determined that a man found dead early yesterday morning on Naomi road, near Sodus, was killed when he was struck by an automobile.

Earlier, there had been some question as to whether the man was dead before being struck by the car. Berrien county deputies identified the man as Sam Young, Jr., 45, a farm worker on the Thomas Edwards farm, Box 219, Milldale road, Eau Claire.

6 Auto Deaths In Berrien County In 1973

Young had worked and lived on the farm since last October.

Deputies said that Young was pronounced dead at Mercy hospital at 5:05 a.m., becoming the sixth traffic victim this year in Berrien county. Last year at this time, 14 people had died on county roads.

The car that hit Young was driven by Scott Williamson, of 6009 Town Hall road, Eau Claire. Williamson, a reporter for this newspaper, told deputies that he was on his way to work when the accident



RE-ELECTED CHIEF: Lloyd A. Both, 5584 Tilly road, St. Joseph, has been re-elected to third term as chief of Tri-Unit fire department which serves Lincoln and Royall townships and village of Stevensville. Other officers will be elected April 3.



MISS BACHELOR 14: Lori Browning, 17, reigns as Miss Bachelor 14, after her selection during recent contest at Benton Harbor high school. Miss Browning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Browning, 843 Buss avenue, Benton Harbor, won other honors by being named first runnerup during the Miss Benton Harbor Blossomtime contest. She is senior at Benton Harbor high school. Bachelor 14 is a social club, organized by black community leaders. (Pete Mitchell photo)

occurred. Deputies said no charges will be placed against the driver.

Williamson said that as he was driving to work at about 4:10 a.m. he saw a man lying on the pavement in his lane. He said he swerved his car but was unable to avoid hitting the man.

No autopsy was performed on the body, but medical

examiners said that death was due to massive chest and head injuries.

Mr. Young was born Dec. 14, 1928, in Utica, Miss., the son of Sam and Dolly Young.

There are no survivors. The body will be transferred to the Century funeral home, Crystal Springs, Miss., where services and burial will be held.

Sanborn Leaving 'Y' Post Here; Served 9 Years

Lloyd F. Sanborn, 59, executive director of the Benton Harbor-St. Joseph YMCA since 1964, leaves March 15 to become associate director of the Diocese of Texas Capital Fund Drive, an Episcopal church fund-raising effort.

A Boston native and World War II Navy bomb disposal officer in the Pacific, Sanborn held Y staff positions at Boston, Pawtucket, Brooklyn Central, Washington D.C., Atlanta, Galveston and Detroit before arriving here in 1964.

The YMCA will hold a farewell reception for Sanborn and his wife, Lois, at the Benton Harbor Y Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m., with the formal part of the reception at 3.

"This has been by far the most pleasant of the YMCA assignments I've had," Sanborn said. "We are very confident about the future of the twin cities area and we share Dr. (Harzel) Taylor's enthusiasm for the future and that Benton Harbor has seen the worst of its redevelopment."

The YMCA executive committee's personnel committee, chaired by Dr. Taylor, is to begin interviewing finalists for Sanborn's post. In the interim, Selmer "Sam" Anderson, physical education director, will act as executive director.

The Sanborns live at 1508 Colfax, Benton Harbor, and have four grown children.



LOYD F. SANBORN
On To Houston

Fun Day Planned For Parents, Kids

Parents of students in the middle and primary grades of Lake Michigan Catholic schools have been invited to join their children for an Activity Day program at the middle school Friday.

Aim of the program is to offer students and parents fun and relaxation together in the school setting. The program will

include games, booths, refreshments and contests.

Primary grade children and the parents will participate from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. The fourth through sixth graders and their parents will meet from 10 a.m. to Noon, and the period for seventh and eighth graders and their parents is set from 12:15 to 2 p.m.

National President To Be Guest DANK Dedication Set

Deutsch-Amerikanischer National Kongress (DANK) of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor will dedicate its large hall, the Deutsches Haus, in honor of DANK national president Walter Kollacks of Chicago, Saturday evening.

Kollacks will be guest of honor at the dedication ceremonies slated to begin with dinner at 6 p.m. Area state representatives and other dignitaries are also expected to attend. The hall is located on Pipestone road in Sodus township.

In addition to the large hall's dedication, a wall mural in the

hall depicting an alpine village and mountains, which was handpainted by DANK member Mrs. Ruth Johnson of St. Joseph, will also be dedicated.

Following dinner the children's group of the "Alpenrosen" Schupplatters will perform at 7 p.m., followed by a performance of the German chorus. Dedication ceremonies are expected to begin at 8 p.m. Following the dedication ceremonies, dance music will be provided by the "Diamonds."

Hearing Schedule For BH Board Of Review

Benton Harbor City Assessor John Lottridge announced today the schedule for the board of review which will hear complaints or appeals concerning property tax assessments.

The four member board will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday, March 12, 14

and 16, from 9 a.m. till 12 noon and from 2 to 5 p.m.

It will also meet from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 15.

Meetings are held in room 104, Benton Harbor city hall.

New Buffalo High Student Still In Chicago Hospital

Shooting Victim's Condition Listed As 'Good'

BY DAVE ANDREWS
Staff Writer
CHICAGO — A 16-year-old New Buffalo high school student who was shot Jan. 28 at a south Chicago train station, today was reported in good condition at Billings hospital here.

Hospital officials said Pierre F. Lyles, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Roby of Chicago, is conscious and resting comfortably. Lyles had been in critical condition for weeks after being shot twice in the head. About two weeks ago, he was removed from the

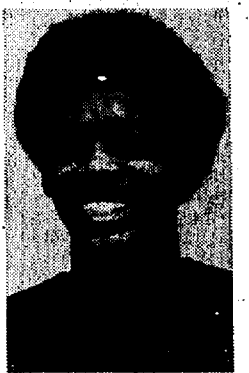
critical list and placed on the serious condition report. Lt. Walter Bosco of Chicago police, who has directed the investigation into the shooting which took the life of Gene A. Robinson, 16, of Union Pier, said officers have

talked with Lyles, but have not learned anything about the shooting. Bosco said Lyles "knows his name and what school he attended" and recognizes his mother and girlfriend, but still has lapses in memory and does not recall any details about

what happened at the railroad warning house. Bosco said, however, that police were told by Lyles' attending physician that he probably will regain more of his memory as his recovery continues. Until police are able to interview Lyles about what

happened, Bosco said the investigation of the shooting will remain dormant. Lyles has been under police guard at the hospital since the shooting. Lyles and Robinson were shot as they waited for a train that would take them

back to Union Pier, where both lived with Robinson's mother, Mrs. Mary Robinson. Police have no suspects or motive for the shooting. The young men had been in Chicago for a weekend birthday party for Robinson's girlfriend.



PIERRE F. LYLES
Resting comfortably

11,000 Berrien Children

Health Checks Start Soon

BY BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer
Berrien county health and social services departments will mount a massive health screening program for an estimated 11,000 county Medicaid children starting this spring.

The program, for children up to 21 years of age in indigent families—mostly on ADC—is the result of a court order in a welfare rights suit to implement an existing law requiring screening. Berrien social services department is setting up the machinery now to select and deliver youngsters to Berrien health department screening clinics that are to start

operating on April 1 or shortly thereafter. "We were supposed to have had it some time ago," said Mrs. Dorothy Reid, deputy director of the county social services department. "There was a court case by a welfare rights organization—I believe it was in Grand Rapids...and the judge ordered us (the state

social services department) to do it immediately." The basis for the ruling, she said, was a law on the books which required screening but which had not been implemented. Not screening might jeopardize federal Medicaid funds to the state, according to Jerry Erickson, Berrien health

department administrator. He and Mrs. Donna Schulz, administrative assistant, said the county health department will be paid \$15 per child by the state health department to test children's hearing, vision, blood, urine, immunizations, physical condition, and refer them for further treatment, if necessary. Such followup would be paid by Medicaid, Mrs. Reid said.

Screening would be free to recipients. Screening may be conducted at two locations—Niles and Benton Harbor areas, Mrs. Schulz said. She estimated the child Medicaid population in the Benton Harbor area alone at 4,000.

Erickson brought the county health board up to date on the new screening program Wednesday. Mrs. Reid said she just learned of the program Tuesday.



PLAZA OFFICERS: Fairplain Plaza Merchants association has elected officers for 1973. From left is Mrs. Edith E. Eltzroth, Realtor at Blue Creek Realty Corp., secretary; Mrs. Betty Mashke, an owner of the Hallmark Hall of Cards and Books, president; and Dave Ohman, manager Farmers & Merchants bank branch, treasurer. Not pictured is Norbert Bublick of The Man Alive, vice-president. (Staff Photo)

Lawrence Names Honor Graduates

LAWRENCE — The vice-president and president of the National Honor society chapter at Lawrence high school have earned the school's top scholastic honors this year.

Pamela Marks, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marks 53rd street, Lawrence, vice-president of the chapter, has been named valedictorian for 1973.

Kathryn Garrod, 18, president of the chapter, won salutatorian honors.

Miss Marks plans on attending Kalamazoo college in the fall to study chemical research. In addition to the National Honor society, she is a member of the Spanish and Pep clubs and the yearbook staff.

Miss Garrod, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garrod, route 2, Lawrence, plans on entering Bronson school of nursing in Kalamazoo after graduation. She is treasurer of the senior



PAMELA MARKS
Valedictorian



KATHRYN GARROD
Salutatorian

class and a member of the high school band. Announcement of the selections was made by Mrs. Donna Curtiss, high school principal.

South Haven Township Nixes City Landfill Plan

SOUTH HAVEN — Plans by the city of South Haven to locate a sanitary landfill in South Haven township were quashed by the township board last night when township officials refused to amend its ordinance regulating dumps. The city sought permission to develop 40 acres of land near the intersection of 24th avenue and 72nd street for a sanitary landfill to replace another

closed down by the Van Buren county health department last year. An 11-year-old township ordinance prohibits bringing refuse from outside the township to a landfill within the township. The township board voted 3-2 not to consider amending the ordinance after receiving a petition objecting to the plan from 114 registered township

voters. Against the amendment were clerk Franklin Torp, treasurer Lucille Breen and trustee Ed Post. In favor were supervisor Richard Bus and trustee Donald Getman. The petitioners said they opposed the proposed landfill because such an "operation may be injurious to the public health, welfare and safety, cause appreciable drop in property values and likely

create a public and private nuisance." Torp said he authored the landfill ordinance when it was adopted in 1962 and that its purpose at that time was to prevent commercial haulers from bringing refuse from outside the township into the township. Mayor Richard Lewis, after the request was defeated, asked the township to consider allowing the city to use the township landfill until a suitable site is located. The township board took the request under advisement.

In other action the board accepted without taking action a request from E-Jay Thermo Products that property they own along Blue Star Memorial highway be annexed to the city of South Haven. Bus urged tabling the request until another annexation case involving the township and city is decided upon by the State Boundary commission. He predicted a decision on the question of annexing property owned by Superior Home Builders of St. Joseph to the city within 30 to 45 days.

The board took under advisement a request that a preliminary plat plan for a proposed subdivision along Lake Michigan be approved. Donald Cleveland of South Haven has proposed to subdivide land between Lake Michigan and 77th street and south of 16th avenue into 20 lots.

NO THREAT
DETROIT (AP) — Lt. Gov. James Brickley says he doubts a petition drive aimed at repealing a portion of the state's new transportation bill will meet with any success.

Berrien Springs Group Backs New Junior High

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Construction of a new Berrien Springs junior high rather than renovation and expansion of the existing building has been recommended by a citizens committee.

Julius Grau, chairman of the 25-member committee named by the school board several months ago, told the board last night that cost of renovation and expansion would nearly equal cost of constructing a new facility.

"We feel our money is more wisely invested in a new structure than in renovating the old one," Grau stated.

He estimated cost of renovation at about \$449,000 and cost of expansion at about \$1.5 million.

Cost of a new building would be about \$2 million, he said. Grau said an architect consulted by the committee had stated that the existing building has about 34,000

square feet of floor space, and about 60,000 square feet of additional space is needed.

He reported the architect said only about 80,000 square feet of floor space would be needed in a new building because of more efficient design.

The school board agreed to hold a special meeting to consider possible action on the committee's report. No date was set for the special session.

Twice in the last two years Berrien Springs district voters have rejected bond issues to finance a new junior high building.

In other action, Lester Diekema, high school principal for the past 11 years, announced his resignation effective June 30. Diekema declined comment at this time on his future plans. The resignation was accepted by the board.

Board approved a girls track

program for this spring. Coaches will be Carolyn Crawford and Dan Miller, both physical education instructors. Supt. Lee Auble was authorized to investigate enlarging the tennis area at Berrien Springs high school. Auble said he would check with Oronoko and Berrien townships and Berrien Springs village to see if they would contribute to the proposed court expansion. He said residents of the area use the courts in addition to school personnel.

A request by Auble that teachers be given a half day to be trained in "self guided analysis," a technique designed to improve teaching methods, drew criticism from several board members who said classroom teaching time should not be cut. "Self guided analysis," he said, involves video taping of teachers in classroom situations for review by the teachers.

Berrien Health Board Gets Both Good And Bad News

BY BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer
Berrien county health board members Wednesday heard good news about the department's new home, but bad news about its bid for funds to computerize accounting and cost-analysis.

The new home, the former Fidelity Insurance Co. building in Benton Harbor, now has an architect for remodeling plans. The federal government has cancelled the department's bid for a computer for lack of money.

Also Wednesday, the board: —Signed a resolution putting into effect authority for department environmentalists to require architect or engineers' plans for food service establishment remodeling where the owner's plans are improperly drawn. —Voted to extend from Feb. 28 to March 31 a contract with Model Cities for medical and dental programs costing nearly \$200,000. Model Cities asked for the one-month extension pending receipt of 1973-74 monies for further contracts.

—Signed a contract providing \$18,375 to the Cass County Mental Health agency to hire a therapist and secretary as part of a new three-county attack on alcoholism. State-federal funds are paying for it, through the Berrien health department. —Okayed a resolution to put county health department employees for 1974 on the county salary schedule rather than a different health department schedule in use since 1966. Last month the board put health clerks on the higher county schedule for 1973.

—And approved a tentative 1974 basic health department budget—not including large grants—of \$406,019.

Chairman Frank Poorman told the board "good progress" is underway to ready the insurance building as the department's new home. The architect firm of D.J. McGrath & Associates of St. Joseph has been hired by the county commissioners' administration committee to

perfect preliminary remodeling plans. The plans will accompany a request for federal funds matching up to \$75,000 allocated by commissioners for remodeling, Poorman said.

Otto Grau, administration committee chairman, reported later that McGrath was lowest of five bidders at \$7,000. The county request for federal Hill-Burton funds goes in April 1. Grau also reported the administration committee has received requests for more space than the health department will leave vacant on the third floor of the courthouse when it moves at an unstated future date.

He and Poorman noted the

county may have to spend \$10-\$15,000 at the two-floor insurance building for an elevator to accommodate the handicapped.

In January, the health board okayed applying for \$100,000 in one-shot federal funds to build a computerized accounting and

cost-analysis system. The application is dead for now. The federal Health, Education and Welfare department by letter has informed the board it is "unable to support (such systems) under present budgetary ceilings."

Cassopolis Boy Killed By Auto

CASSOPOLIS — A six-year-old rural Cassopolis boy was struck by a car and killed while crossing the road in front of his home on Decatur road yesterday afternoon, Cass deputies reported.

Pronounced dead on arrival at the Cassopolis Medical center was Dale Wayne Ogrin, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Ogrin, route 1, Cassopolis.

Deputies said the child was struck by a car driven by Marvin VanDusen, 48, Battle Creek, at about 4:15 p.m. They said VanDusen was northbound on Decatur when the child attempted to cross the road.

The accident occurred a few feet north of the intersection of Decatur road and McKenzie street, about five miles north of Cassopolis.

Deputies said VanDusen

reported no injuries. They said the accident remains under investigation.

The death was the fourth traffic fatality reported this year in Cass county.

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Deadline Near For Registration

NEW BUFFALO — Deadline for unregistered residents of New Buffalo school district to register to vote in the April 16 school millage election is Friday, March 16, school authorities said.

The announcement was directed primarily at persons who recently became 18 years old or new residents of the district who have not previously registered to vote. To be eligible, new residents must have lived in Michigan for at least six months and the county for 30 days.

Registration is being accepted at city hall and at the township hall on Red Arrow highway. The school district is asking renewal of seven mills for school operation. Based on current state equalized valuation, one mill means \$32,116 in property tax revenue to the district. All registered voters of the district may vote.



JOINS BOARD: Carl N. Griger, 36, county road 376, Covert township is newest member of Covert school board. He was appointed by the board to replace Mrs. Margaret White, who resigned in February.